

WORKING DRAFT

General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2013

LCO No. 7575



Offered by:

To: Subst. House Bill No. **6424**

File No. 780

Cal. No.

"AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR SEARCHES OF ACCIDENT AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (Effective from passage and applicable to all requests for 4 records under chapter 14 of the general statutes pending or made on or after 5 said date) (a) As used in this section and section 2 of this act: (1) 6 "Record" means any public record, as defined in section 1-200 of the 7 general statutes, that is compiled in connection with the investigation 8 of the school shooting that occurred on December 14, 2012, at Sandy 9 Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, (2) "immediate 10 family" means a spouse, adult child, parent, adult sibling or legal 11 guardian, (3) "victim" means any person who suffered a gunshot 12 wound or any other physical injury arising from the discharge of a 13 firearm on the grounds of Sandy Hook Elementary School on 14 December 14, 2012, but excluding the person who fired such firearm, 15 and (4) "public agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1

- 16 200 of the general statutes.
 - (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, nothing shall require the disclosure of any record that consists of a photograph, videotape, digital recording or other image or audio transmission or recording depicting the physical condition of any victim without the written consent of the victim or, if the victim is deceased, a member of the victim's immediate family.
 - (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, any public agency may redact the identity of any minor witness to the school shooting that occurred on December 14, 2012, at the Sandy Hook Elementary School from any record.
 - (d) Any record that consists of an audio transmission or recording of a call for emergency assistance, including, but not limited to, an emergency 9-1-1 call, that is not otherwise exempt under subsection (b) of this section, shall be exempt from the requirements of chapter 14 of the general statutes, provided whenever the public agency in possession of such record receives a request for any such record, the public agency shall, within available appropriations, transcribe such audio transmission or recording and provide a copy of the transcript to any person requesting such record. The fee for any copy of such transcript shall be fifty cents per page.
- Sec. 2. (Effective from passage and applicable to all requests for records under chapter 14 of the general statutes pending or made on or after said date) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, no municipal official or municipal employee shall be required to disclose the death certificate of any person who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012, provided the provisions of this section shall not apply to any request for a death certificate made by a member of such person's immediate family."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage and applicable to all requests for records under chapter 14 of the general statutes pending or made on or after said date	New section
Sec. 2	from passage and applicable to all requests for records under chapter 14 of the general statutes pending or made on or after said date	New section